

306 Eurasian Crag Martin

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Crag Martin. Spring. Adult (20-III).

EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN (*Ptyonoprogne rupestris*)

IDENTIFICATION

13-15 cm. Grey brown upperparts; pale underparts; tail short and squared, with white patches on tips of most of the feathers.

SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

AGEING

3 age groups can be recognized:

Juvenile with head, upperparts, wing coverts and tertials edged buff-brown; fresh flight feathers; pointed outermost tail feather.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring as adult but with some buff edges on **juvenile** unmoulted tertials and greater coverts (**CAUTION:** in **spring** pale edges on feathers usually lost by wear); flight and tail feathers slightly worn in **autumn** but clearly more worn than **adults** in **spring**); pointed outermost tail feather.

Adult with uniform grey brown feathers (in fresh plumage with narrow white fringe on greater coverts and tertials and rufous on feathers of upperparts); quite fresh feathers in **spring**; rounded outermost tail feather.



SIMILAR SPECIES

Recalls a **Sand Martin**, which lacks white patches on tail feathers and has a brown breast band.



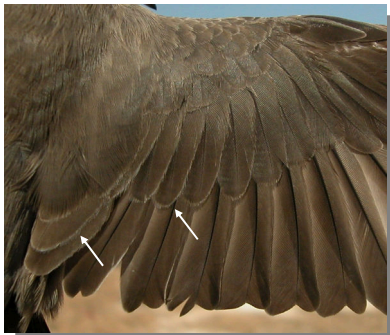
Crag Martin. Ageing. Pattern of upperparts: left adult; right juvenile.

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Crag Martin. Ageing. Pattern of tip of the outermost tail feathers: left adult; right juvenile.

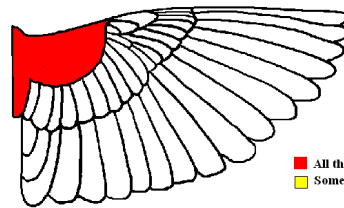


Crag Martin. Ageing. Pattern of greater coverts and tertials: top adult; middle 2nd year; bottom juvenile.



MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult but rather protracted, may continue almost to midwinter. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving body feathers and sometimes some wing coverts (usually no greater coverts); most of the birds retain **juvenile** tail and flight feathers; a few number of birds moult some greater coverts and inner secondaries.



Crag Martin. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

■ All the specimens
■ Some specimens

PHENOLOGY

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII

STATUS IN ARAGON

Summer visitor, breeds on cliff faces or buildings in mountainous areas.



Crag Martin. Spring. 2nd year (20-III).



Crag Martin. Spring. Juvenile (18-VII).

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Crag Martin. Spring. Head pattern and iris colour: top adult (20-III); middle 2nd year (20-III); bottom juvenile (18-VII).



Crag Martin. Spring. Upperpart pattern: top left adult (20-III); top right 2nd year (20-III); left juvenile (18-VII).



Crag Martin. Spring. Breast pattern: top left adult (20-III); top right 2nd year (20-III); left juvenile (18-VII).



Crag Martin. Spring. Tail wear and pattern of the outermost tail feather: top left adult (20-III); top right 2nd year (20-III); left juvenile (18-VII).

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Crag Martin. Spring. Adult: pattern and wear of primary coverts (20-III).



Crag Martin. Spring. Adult: pattern and wear of primaries (20-III).



Crag Martin. Spring. 2nd year: pattern and wear of primary coverts (20-III).



Crag Martin. Spring. 2nd year: pattern and wear of primaries (20-III).



Crag Martin. Spring. Juvenile: pattern and wear of primary coverts (18-VII).



Crag Martin. Spring. Juvenile: pattern and wear of primaries (18-VII).

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Crag Martin. Spring. Adult: pattern and wear of secondaries (20-III).



Crag Martin. Spring. Juvenile: pattern and wear of secondaries (18-VII).



Crag Martin. Spring. 2nd year with juvenile pale patches : pattern and wear of secondaries (20-III)



Crag Martin. Spring. Adult: pattern of wing (20-III).



Crag Martin. Spring. 2nd year with juvenile pale patches: pattern of wing (20-III).



Crag Martin. Spring. 2nd year without juvenile pale patches : pattern and wear of secondaries (20-III)



Crag Martin. Spring. 2nd year without juvenile pale patches: pattern of wing (20-III).

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Crag Martin. Spring. Juvenile: pattern of wing (18-VII).



Crag Martin. Autumn. Breast pattern: top adult (25-X); bottom 1st year (25-X).



Crag Martin. Autumn. Adult (25-X).



Crag Martin. Autumn. 1st year (25-X).



Crag Martin. Autumn. Upperpart pattern: left adult (25-X); right 1st year (25-X).

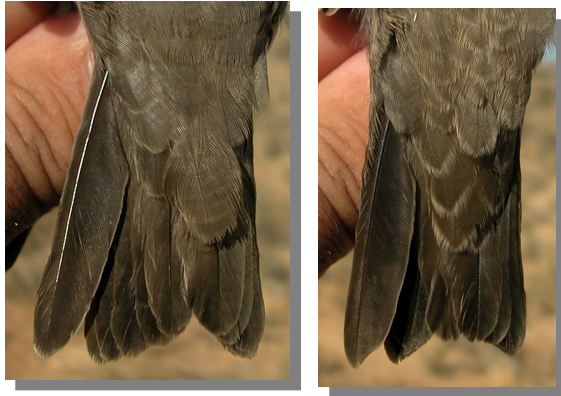


Crag Martin. Autumn. Head pattern: top adult (25-X); bottom 1st year (25-X).



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Crag Martin. Autumn. Pattern of the outermost tail feather: left adult (25-X); right 1st year (25-X).



Crag Martin. Autumn. Adult: pattern and wear of secondaries (25-X).



Crag Martin. Autumn. Adult: pattern and wear of primaries (25-X).



Crag Martin. Autumn. 1st year: pattern and wear of secondaries (25-X).



Crag Martin. Autumn. 1st year: pattern and wear of primaries (25-X).



Crag Martin. Autumn. Adult: pattern of wing (25-X).

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Crag Martin. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of wing (25-X).